



Environmental Impact Policy Statement



All Dragons have a moral obligation to care for our environment as well as a legal responsibility for compliance with environmental laws and regulations of both the United States and our Host Nation. While training and conducting operations, we must balance our activities with our obligation to protect natural and cultural resources. More over, we must respect and protect the lives and well-being of the local community.

We will continually strive to minimize our environmental impact through a vigorous Environmental Management Program focused on daily activities as well as our long term planning. We will conduct comprehensive training to ensure we meet our obligations and are prepared to respond to any environmental emergency.

As members of our Nation's forward deployed Armed Forces, we must do our part to maintain our strong relationships with our Host and Partnering Nations. Occasionally our aircraft may have to conduct Precautionary Emergency Landings (PELs) off designated training areas. These landings not only ensure the safety of our aircrew but also the safety of the Host Nation local population. When we must conduct a PEL, we will ensure the landing site is left in better condition then when we arrived. It is through meeting our obligations and commitments to care for the environment that we continue to foster goodwill and build trust.

Compliance with environmental laws is mandatory, short-cuts are unacceptable. I expect each Marine, Sailor, and civilian within this squadron to comply with all environmental laws, regulations, and policies thereby upholding our responsibility as good stewards of the environment.

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